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Applicants:	Robert E. KRANCHER et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	7402
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For:	Identifying And Synchronizing Incompatibilities Between A Portable Computer And A Docking Station	§	Docket No.:	200301969-1
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Date: May 7, 2004

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of April 6, 2004, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.